

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Eliza Symonds Bell, April 2, 1877, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell Sunday April 2nd, 1877 My dear Mrs. Bell:

The other evening Mr. Bell put on my finger such a lovely ring from you and from him. I was much delighted, it is very pretty and pleases me very much indeed. I thank you both so much, for the ring and especially for the kindness that sent it to me. I like to think that the stones have been in your keeping so long, waiting for me, though we neither of us knew it. I shall wear them, and think constantly of my kind friends in Canada.

It has been a great pleasure to me to see Alec's father. Alec has spoken often and fondly of you both, and I have longed to see and become acquainted with you. I wish you could have come with Mr. Bell. I have been afraid Mr. Bell might not think well of Alec's choice, but I hope he does for he has been most kind and cordial. Alec enjoys having his father with him and it is very pleasant to see them together. I wish it could be for longer.

I will send by Mr. Bell a little charcoal sketch that I have made for you, and which I hope you will like. You are so much interested in drawing, I thought you might be pleased to know what I am doing. Alec and Mr. Bell have told me much of your drawings and paintings, and I saw a book of lovely etchings at Salem. I would be so glad if you could spare me some little things that you have done, I should value it very much. I am beginning to paint in oils, and I have advanced from an earthen jug and carriage to a pair of a man's dirty boots, but hope soon to have something a little prettier and more interesting.

Mr. Bell tells me that when he heard from you last you were surrounded by deep snow. I hope it has melted before now, and that you are enjoying the beautiful spring weather we

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have here. Alec has been rather disgusted at the snowstorms for he has taken great pains to persuade me that it is warmer in Canada than here, and I doubt it more than ever now.

With kind remembrances to the Misses Symonds, and thanking you a f g ain for your kindness.

Affectionately yours, Mabel